



**County of San Diego, Department of Planning and Land Use**  
**NOTICE OF REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL INSPECTION**  
***BUILDING DIVISION***

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You are hereby notified that, in addition to the inspection of construction provided by the Department of Planning and Land Use, Building Division, an approved registered special inspector is required to provide special inspection and/or structural observation during construction of the proposed project as indicated on this form. This form shall be completed. All work requiring special inspection must be identified as well as the name and phone number of the special inspector identified to perform the special inspections.

The registered special inspector shall be approved by the Building Official prior to the issuance of the building permit. Special inspectors having a current certification from the City of San Diego are approved as special inspectors for the type of construction for which they are certified.

Special inspection and/or structural observation requirements and reports shall be in compliance with the 2007 California Building Code, Chapter 17.

The inspections required to be performed by a special inspector are in addition to and do not change the requirements for the inspections normally required by the 2007 California Building Code as amended and adopted by the County of San Diego and performed by the Building Division inspection personnel.

The special inspector is not authorized to inspect and approve any work other than that for which they are certified. The special inspector is not authorized to accept alternate materials, structural changes, or any requests for plan changes. The special inspector is required to submit to the building inspector in the field written reports of all work that they inspected and approved. Approval of final inspection will not be granted by the Department of Planning and Land Use, Building Division, until a last and final report documenting required special inspections and correction of any discrepancies noted in the inspection reports has been submitted to the building inspector in the field and approved by the Building Division.

For occupancies in Group R-3 and occupancies in Group U that are accessory to a residential occupancy, some exceptions are permitted per the Department of Planning and Land Use, Building Division special inspection policy to not require special inspection or to allow structural observation in lieu of the required special inspections. These exceptions are noted in the table on page two of this form. In cases where the design engineer of record has specified a more restrictive requirement for special inspection and/or structural observation, the project shall comply with the requirements of the engineer of record.

Structural observation is the visual observation of the structural system by a registered design professional. A letter shall be provided describing the results of structural observation prior to approval of final inspection. The letter shall be submitted to the building inspector in the field and approved by the Building Division.

**THIS COMPLETED FORM MUST BE MADE A PERMANENT, PRINTED PART OF THE PLANS.**  
**(Taped, glued, stapled, etc. copies will not be accepted)**

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WORK REQUIRING SPECIAL INSPECTION	ITEM DESCRIPTION AND LOCATION	DESIGN STRENGTH	NAME OF SPECIAL INSPECTOR	PHONE NUMBER OF SPECIAL INSPECTOR
<b>SPECIAL INSPECTIONS REQUIRED BY CBC SECTION 1704</b>				
<p align="center"><u>*FOR R-3 AND U OCCUPANCIES ACCESSORY TO RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES</u>  SPECIAL INSPECTION IS NOT REQUIRED FOR:  ITEMS 1b, 2a (WHEN <math>f'_c \leq 3,000</math> psi), 2c, 3a (WHEN <math>f'_m \leq 1,500</math> psi), 3b (WHEN WALL HEIGHT IS <math>\leq 10</math> FT.), 6, 7, 8, &amp; 9.  STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION IS PERMITTED IN LIEU OF SPECIAL INSPECTION FOR ITEMS 3a, 3b (WHEN WALL HEIGHT IS <math>&gt; 10</math> FT.), AND 4a.</p>				
1.) Steel Construction				
a.) Field welding				
b.) Steel frame*				
c.) High-strength bolts				
2.) Concrete Construction				
a.) $f'_c > 2,500$ psi*				
b.) Anchors				
c.) Structural slabs*				
d.) Pre-stressed / post-tensioned slabs				
3.) Masonry Construction				
a.) Masonry construction*				
b.) Site walls other than County Standard plans*				
4.) Wood Construction				
a.) High-load diaphragms*				
5.) Foundations				
a.) Pile foundations				
b.) Pier foundations				
6.) Sprayed fire-resistant materials*				
7.) Mastic and intumescent fire-resistant coatings*				
8.) Exterior insulation and finish systems (EIFS)*				
9.) Smoke control systems*				
10.) Special cases				
a.)				
b.)				
<b>SPECIAL INSPECTIONS FOR SEISMIC RESISTANCE REQUIRED BY CBC SECTION 1707</b>				
<p align="center"><u>*R-3 AND U OCCUPANCIES ACCESSORY TO RESIDENTIAL OCCUPANCIES</u>  STRUCTURAL OBSERVATION IS PERMITTED IN LIEU OF SPECIAL INSPECTION FOR ITEMS C AND D</p>				
A.) Field welding				
B.) Structural wood: field gluing of elements of the seismic-force-resisting system				
C.) Structural wood: nailing, bolting, anchoring and other fastening of components within the seismic-force-resisting system where fastener spacing of sheathing is 4 inches o.c. or less*				
D.) Cold-formed steel framing*				
E.) Pier foundations				
F.) Storage racks and access floors				
G.) Architectural components for structures greater than 30 feet in height				
H.) Designated seismic system verifications				
I.) Designated seismic system verifications				
J.) Seismic isolation system				